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DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION (37 CFR 1.63)	Attorney Docket Number	
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	Application Number	
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☒ Declaration Submitted With Initial Filing OR ☐ Declaration Submitted after Initial Filing (surcharge (37 CFR 1.16(e)) required)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Backflushable filtering apparatus for a molten material and distributor for such a filtering apparatus

the specification of which (Title of the Invention)

☒ is attached hereto

OR

☒ was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) 10/27/2003 as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number PCT/AT03/000322 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached?	
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☐ Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto:

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NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR:		<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor			
Given Name (first and middle [if any])		Family Name or Surname			
<u>Helmut</u>		<u>Bacher</u>			
Inventor's Signature		Date <u>September 23, 2004</u>			
Residence: City <u>St. Florian</u>		State		Austria Country	Austria Citizenship
Mailing Address <u>Schmidbergerweg 5</u>					
City <u>St. Florian</u>		State		ZIP <u>A-4490</u>	COUNTRY <u>Austria</u>
NAME OF SECOND INVENTOR:		<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor			
Given Name (first and middle [if any])		Family Name or Surname			
<u>Helmuth</u>		<u>Schulz</u>			
Inventor's Signature		Date <u>September 23, 2004</u>			
Residence: City <u>Linz</u>		State		Country <u>Austria</u>	Citizenship <u>Austria</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Inventors are being named on the _____ supplemental Additional Inventor(s) sheet(s) PTO/SB/02A attached hereto.					

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DECLARATION**ADDITIONAL INVENTOR(S)**
Supplemental Sheet
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Given Name (first and middle (if any))		Family Name or Surname	
Georg		Wendelin	
Inventor's Signature <i>Georg Wendelin</i>		Date September 23, 2004	
Residence: City Linz	State —	Country Austria	Citizenship Austrian
Mailing Address Waldbothenweg 84 <i>ACX</i>			
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Name of Additional Joint Inventor, if any:		<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor	
Given Name (first and middle (if any))		Family Name or Surname	
Wolfgang		Dreu	
Inventor's Signature		Date	
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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, Helmut Bacher, Helmuth Schulz, Georg Wendelin, Wolfgang Dreu
hereinafter referred to as "Assignors," are the
inventors of the invention described and set forth in the below-identified application for United States Letters
Patent:

Title of Invention: Backflushable filtering apparatus for a molten
material and distributor for such a filtering
apparatus

Date(s) of Execution: September 23, 2004

Filing Date:

Application No.: ; and

WHEREAS, EREMA Engineering Recycling Maschinen und Anlagen Gesellschaft
m.b.H. hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE," is desirous of acquiring ASSIGNORS'
interest in the said invention and application and in any U.S. Letters Patent which may be granted on the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Be it known that, for good and
valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Assignors, Assignors have sold, assigned
and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto the said Assignees, and Assignees'
successors and assigns, all their right, title and interest in and to the said invention and application, and in and to
any Letters Patent which may hereafter be granted on the same in the United States, the said interest to be held
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reissue, prolongation or extension thereof.

Assignors further agree that they will, without charge to Assignee, but at Assignee's expense,
cooperate with Assignee in the prosecution of said application and/or applications, execute, verify, acknowledge
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instruments of assignment and transfer thereof, and will perform such other acts as Assignee lawfully may
request, to obtain or maintain Letters Patent for said invention and improvement, and to vest title thereto in
Assignee, or Assignee's successors and assigns.

Assignors hereby authorize and request Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP, Two
Embarcadero Center, 8th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111-3834, to insert herein above the application number
and filing date of said application when known.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignors have signed their names on the dates indicated.

Dated: September 23, 2004


Helmut Bacher

Dated: _____


Georg Wendelin

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Helmuth Schulz

ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, Wolfgang Dreu

hereinafter referred to as "Assignors," are the inventors of the invention described and set forth in the below-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

Title of Invention: Backflushable filtering apparatus for a molten material and distributor for such a filtering apparatus

Date(s) of Execution: December 29, 2004

Filing Date:

Application No.: ; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Be it known that, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Assignors, Assignors have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto the said Assignees, and Assignees' successors and assigns, all their right, title and interest in and to the said invention and application, and in and to any Letters Patent which may hereafter be granted on the same in the United States, the said interest to be held and enjoyed by said Assignees as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by said Assignors had this Assignment and transfer not been made, to the full end and term of any Letters Patent which may be granted thereon, or of any division, renewal, continuation in whole or in part, substitution, conversion, reissue, prolongation or extension thereof.

Assignors further agree that they will, without charge to Assignee, but at Assignee's expense, cooperate with Assignee in the prosecution of said application and/or applications, execute, verify, acknowledge and deliver all such further papers, including applications for Letters Patent and for the reissue thereof, and instruments of assignment and transfer thereof, and will perform such other acts as Assignee lawfully may request, to obtain or maintain Letters Patent for said invention and improvement, and to vest title thereto in Assignee, or Assignee's successors and assigns.

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Wolfgang Dreu

Dated: _____

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Attorney Docket No.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Helmut Bacher

Application No./Patent No.: _____

Filed/Issue Date: _____

Entitled: Backflushable filtering apparatus for a molten material and distributor for such a filtering apparatus.EREMA Engineering Recycling Maschinen und Anlagen Gesellschaft m.b.H.Austrian Corporation

(Type of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2. ☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest.
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in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

- A. ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel _____, Frame _____, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

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- ☐ Copies of assignments or other documents in the chain of title are attached.

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

December 29, 2004

Date

Telephone numberKlaus Feichtinger Gerhard Wendelin

Typed or printed name

Klaus Feichtinger

Signature

General managerGeneral manager_____
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Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record

Name

Helmut Bacher

Helmut Bacher

Signature

Date

September 23, 2004

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Name	Georg Wendelin
Signature	Georg Wendelin
Date	September 23, 2004

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Signature	
Date	Helmut Bacher (General manager) Helmut Schulz (General manager)

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VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
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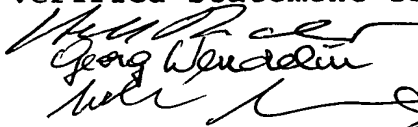
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By _____
Helmut Bacher
Georg Wendelin
Helmuth Schulz

Dated: September 23, 2004

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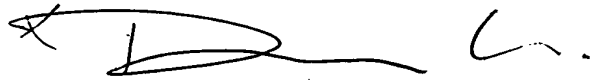
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assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an
obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or
license any rights in the invention is listed below:

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By



Title: Wolfgang Dreu

Applicant : Helmut Bacher et al
Serial No. :
Filing date :
Title : Backflushable filtering apparatus for a molten
material and distributor for such a filtering
material

VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(c)
SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

I hereby declare that I am an official empowered to
act on behalf of the small business concern identified below:

company: EREMA Engineering Recycling Maschinen und Anlagen Gesellschaft m.b.H.

citizenship: Austrian firm

address: Freindorf, Unterfeldstrasse 3, A-4052 Ansfelden

I hereby declare that the above identified small
business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined
in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes
of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35,
U.S.C., in that the number of employees of the concern, including
those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For
purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the
business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year
of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-
time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the
fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when
either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the
power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls
or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law
have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern
identified above with regard to the invention entitled: _____

Backflushable filtering apparatus for a molten material and distributor
for such a filtering apparatus
by (inventor) Helmut Bacher, Helmuth Schulz, Georg Wendelin, Wolfgang Dreu
described in above-identified patent or patent application.



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Helmut Bacher

Helmut Schulz



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